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Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Starting with the paragraph beginning on page 35, line 23 and ending on page 36, line 7:

MindNet is a term utilized to describe a structure such as the linguistic structure database of logical forms associated with translation system 600 (i.e., transfer mapping database 618). The term MindNet was coined by Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Washington. In accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, utilization of training information to adapt system 600 based on corrections made by the reliable modification source involves manipulation (i.e., an updating) of the MindNet. The process of updating can occur on the user's system (or on a server associated with the user) or remotely on the system associated with the modification source.